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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER QUARTER 1968

Workers' compensation in Queensland is handled solely by the State Government Insurance Office. All employers must insure their employees, but self-employed persons are not obliged to insure, and members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service are excluded. Details of industrial accidents given in this bulletin were extracted from claims finalised or becoming three years old during the December quarter 1968. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period. By definition, accidents which caused employees to lose less than a full shift from work are excluded from the statistics.

An analysis of the December quarter 1968 claims showed that, of the 8,188 work injuries, 7,455 (91.0 per cent) were to males and 733 (9.0 per cent) were to females. Of the persons injured, 7,993 (97.6 per cent) suffered injuries of a temporary nature, 182 (2.2 per cent) received some form of permanent disability, while 13 (0.2 per cent) were fatally injured. The 13 deaths were all males.

Time lost through temporary disabilities amounted to 135,934 calendar days by males and 13,921 by females. Male employees lost an average of 18.7 days and 39.5 per cent of the absences did not exceed one week's duration. The average number of days lost by female employees through temporary disabilities was 19.1, and 36.7 per cent of the absences did not exceed one week's duration.

For both males and females, cases causing more than a month's absence from work were about 16 per cent of all cases of temporary disability. However, in primary production and in community, business, and amusement services, the percentage was over 25 for both sexes.

Of the male occupation groups listed in Table 2, Metal Tradesmen and Process Workers suffered most injuries (1,601, or 21.5 per cent). In the female grouping, more accidents (209, or 28.5 per cent of the total) happened to Service Industry and Recreation Workers than to any other group.

The most common agents precipitating these accidents were Hand Tools and Movable Equipment which led to 1,745, or 21.3 per cent, of work injuries. In the type of accident category, 3,442, or 46.2 per cent, of the injuries to male employees resulted from being Struck by Moving or Falling Objects, and 272 female employees, 37.1 per cent of the total number injured, received their injuries in the same manner.

More detailed statistics are available quarterly and annually and may be had on request.

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Extent of Disability and Time Lost, December Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability ^a						
		Fatal ^b	Permanent	Temporary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost	
										Total	Average
Males											
TOTAL	7,455	13	176	7,266	2,868	2,014	1,223	1,116	45	135,934	18.7
Primary Production ..	784	2	27	755	159	236	164	186	10	20,655	27.4
Mining and Quarrying ..	169	-	5	164	58	46	25	32	3	3,842	23.4
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	142	1	3	138	61	40	15	22	-	2,045	14.8
Metal Refining and Products	454	1	11	442	225	115	59	40	3	6,255	14.2
Machinery, General Engineering	902	-	15	887	504	190	98	92	3	12,931	14.6
Meat and Fish Processing ..	848	-	11	837	330	312	134	60	1	11,232	13.4
Other Food and Drink Processing	319	1	6	312	135	88	57	31	1	4,410	14.1
Sawmilling and Wood Products	378	-	23	355	141	95	70	49	-	5,868	16.5
Preparation of Skins and Leather											
Goods Manufacturing ..	34	-	-	34	15	8	5	6	-	615	18.1
Rubber Goods Manufacturing ..	45	-	2	43	19	13	5	6	-	680	15.8
Other Manufacturing ..	148	-	3	145	67	32	19	26	1	2,729	18.8
Electricity and Gas ..	113	-	2	111	40	30	25	15	1	2,173	19.6
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	97	-	-	97	35	25	19	18	-	1,955	20.2
Building Construction, Repairs	706	1	12	693	291	177	105	115	5	13,482	19.5
Other Construction Works ..	816	2	19	795	262	205	177	146	5	16,609	20.9
Road Transport	240	1	7	232	85	61	45	40	1	4,823	20.8
Other Transport and Storage	416	1	8	407	141	110	74	77	5	8,966	22.0
Commerce and Finance ..	640	1	14	625	248	176	92	106	3	11,506	18.4
Community and Business Services	84	-	4	80	26	23	10	20	1	1,938	24.2
Amusement and Personal Services	103	2	3	98	19	29	23	25	2	2,864	29.2
Other Industries ..	17	-	1	16	7	3	2	4	-	356	22.3
Females											
TOTAL	733	-	6	727	267	213	133	110	4	13,921	19.1
Primary Production ..	28	-	-	28	4	6	9	9	-	891	31.8
Metal Refining and Products,											
General Engineering ..	49	-	1	48	20	15	5	8	-	691	14.4
Textile Manufacturing ..	14	-	-	14	6	6	-	2	-	352	25.1
Clothing Manufacturing ..	14	-	-	14	8	4	1	1	-	140	10.0
Meat and Fish Processing ..	181	-	1	180	67	62	30	20	1	2,757	15.3
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable											
Canning	32	-	-	32	9	10	8	5	-	592	18.5
Other Food and Drink Processing	38	-	1	37	14	10	6	7	-	680	18.4
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manu-											
facturing	16	-	-	16	6	5	3	2	-	277	17.3
Other Manufacturing ..	34	-	1	33	12	10	4	7	-	586	17.8
Commerce and Finance ..	99	-	1	98	48	27	13	9	1	1,619	16.5
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	80	-	-	80	26	26	16	12	-	1,679	21.0
Other Community etc. Services	22	-	-	22	7	5	4	5	1	742	33.7
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Restaur-											
ants, etc.	101	-	1	100	33	24	26	16	1	2,336	23.4
Amusement and Other Personal											
Services	12	-	-	12	2	2	4	4	-	321	26.8
Other Industries ..	13	-	-	13	5	1	4	3	-	258	19.8

a Calendar period of incapacity and not actual working days.

b Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Type of Accident, December Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries		Falls of Persons		Struck by Moving, Falling Objects, etc.		Caught in or between Objects		Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement		Heat, Cold, Harmful Substances, Electric Current, etc.		Other Types	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Males														
TOTAL	13	7,442	2	1,524	4	3,438	1	680	-	1,268	2	364	4	168
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	-	103	-	29	-	32	-	5	-	24	-	3	-	10
Salesmen	-	78	-	22	-	24	-	6	-	18	-	2	-	6
Farmers, Fishermen, Timbergetters	2	798	-	171	1	367	-	110	-	113	-	18	1	19
Miners and Quarrymen ..	-	142	-	25	-	77	-	19	-	20	-	1	-	-
Road Transport Workers ..	2	384	-	110	-	119	-	37	-	79	-	8	2	31
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	2	125	-	35	-	58	-	6	-	15	1	8	1	3
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	1	1,600	-	204	-	831	-	120	-	261	1	173	-	11
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations	-	650	-	137	-	308	-	64	-	125	-	6	-	10
Painters and Decorators ..	1	95	1	28	-	35	-	4	-	15	-	7	-	6
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers	1	306	-	81	-	132	1	20	-	56	-	13	-	4
Food and Beverage Workers ..	1	738	-	96	1	493	-	33	-	88	-	15	-	13
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	2	272	-	64	2	102	-	35	-	45	-	22	-	4
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	-	364	-	108	-	119	-	32	-	94	-	4	-	7
Labourers n.e.i.	-	1,268	-	255	-	580	-	136	-	211	-	60	-	26
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	1	126	1	52	-	32	-	10	-	17	-	13	-	2
Other Occupations	-	393	-	107	-	129	-	43	-	87	-	11	-	16
Females														
TOTAL	-	733	-	181	-	272	-	60	-	147	-	36	-	37
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	-	60	-	18	-	19	-	4	-	12	-	3	-	4
Sales Workers	-	57	-	19	-	25	-	2	-	9	-	1	-	1
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	-	15	-	3	-	5	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	-
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	-	13	-	2	-	5	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Metal Process Workers ..	-	45	-	5	-	19	-	10	-	6	-	3	-	2
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	129	-	13	-	65	-	8	-	29	-	4	-	10
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i.	-	45	-	7	-	13	-	8	-	14	-	1	-	2
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	-	128	-	28	-	52	-	5	-	26	-	4	-	13
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	-	209	-	76	-	57	-	12	-	42	-	20	-	2
Other Occupations	-	32	-	10	-	12	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	3

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Agency^a Related to Accident by Nature of Injury, December Quarter 1968

Agency Related To Accident	All Injuries		Fractures, Dis-locations		Sprains and Strains		Lacerations, Open Wounds		Contusions, Bruisings, Superficial Injuries		Burns, Scalds		Other Injuries ^b	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. ^c	N.F.
Total Persons														
TOTAL	13	8,175	6	1,025	-	2,234	-	2,290	-	1,840	1	313	6	473
Metal and Wood-working Machines	-	546	-	31	-	25	-	224	-	137	-	32	-	97
Other Machines	2	441	1	69	-	81	-	145	-	97	-	15	1	34
Lifting Equipment	-	100	-	20	-	17	-	25	-	28	-	1	-	9
Installed Equipment	1	107	-	10	-	36	-	10	-	20	-	16	1	15
Hand Tools and Movable Equipment	-	1,745	-	135	-	252	-	921	-	355	-	42	-	40
Means of Transport	6	965	2	184	-	280	-	153	-	284	-	10	4	54
Materials, Substances, and														
Radiation	1	275	-	-	-	2	-	25	-	55	1	187	-	6
Indoor Working Environment	-	662	-	100	-	282	-	64	-	180	-	5	-	31
Outdoor and Underground Working														
Environment	2	467	2	87	-	174	-	87	-	98	-	3	-	18
Other Agencies	1	2,867	1	389	-	1,085	-	636	-	586	-	2	-	169

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

a The agency (i.e., the work conditions, equipment, person, animal, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature precipitated the accident.

b Including miscellaneous reactions to poisons, effects of electric currents, and exposure to weather.

c Including 4 cases due to internal injuries.

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability
December Quarter 1968

Type of Accident	All In-juries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability ^a								
		Fatal ^b	Perm-anent	Temp-orary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost			
										Total	Average		
Total Persons													
TOTAL	8,188	13	182	7,993	3,135	2,227	1,356	1,226	49	149,855	18.7		
Falls of Persons	1,707	2	25	1,680	560	402	306	396	16	40,552	24.1		
Struck by Falling Objects	835	2	18	815	295	213	151	149	7	16,812	20.6		
Stepping on, Striking, or													
Struck by Objects	2,879	2	65	2,812	1,306	869	412	221	4	35,863	12.8		
Caught in or between Objects	741	1	61	679	212	182	152	126	7	14,991	22.1		
Over-exertion or Strenuous													
Movement	1,415	-	4	1,411	484	403	246	266	12	32,308	22.9		
Exposure to, or Contact with,													
Extreme Temperature	248	1	1	246	102	84	39	21	-	3,276	13.3		
Exposure to, or Contact with,													
Electric Current	9	1	1	7	5	1	-	1	-	71	10.1		
Exposure to, or Contact with,													
Harmful Substances	145	-	1	144	110	23	6	5	-	959	6.7		
Traffic Accidents	79	4	5	70	11	14	19	23	3	2,953	42.2		
Other Types	130	-	1	129	50	36	25	18	-	2,070	16.0		

a Calendar period of incapacity and not actual working days.

b Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

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